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In response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants also wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 29-31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include any of the limitations of intervening claims.

Claims 1-2, 4-11, 13-20, 22-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,662,257 (Caruk et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,094,699 (Surugucchi et al.) and U.S. Patent No. 5,857,083 (Venkat). With respect to claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 19 and 28, Caruk has been cited as teaching, among other things, a data bridge accessing a ROM storing configuration citing column 16, lines 22-32. The Caruk reference is directed to, among other things, a multiple device bridge apparatus and method that employs a bridge that routes



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